PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Criminal No.

MAURICE HOWELL

An indictment was returned today by the Grand Jury for the United States Court for the Southern District of West Virginia meeting at Huntington charging the above defendant with violation of federal law in connection with distribution of a quantity of cocaine base, distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of cocaine base, also known as "crack."

Pertinent information concerning the defendant is set forth below:

DEFENDANT'S NAME MAURICE HOWELL

AGE 30

ADDRESS

MARRIED / /Yes / / No Employer (if known)

INVESTIGATING AGENCY MDENT

CHARGES 21:841(a)(1)

POSSIBLE PENALTY up to 20 years

CHARLES T. MILLER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

PLEASE NOTE: The Fifth Amendment and applicable Federal law gives a criminal defendant a personal right of Indictment by grand jury for Federal crimes punishable by more than one year imprisonment. An Indictment is a formal, written accusation by a grand jury. The defendant may waive the right to an Indictment, and, if waived, a Federal prosecutor may then charge by Information without grand jury involvement. Federal crimes punishable by less than a year imprisonment may be prosecuted by Indictment or by Information.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA HUNTINGTON GRAND JURY 2009 AUGUST 26, 2009 SESSION

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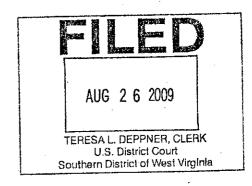
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MAURICE HOWELL

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury Charges:



COUNT ONE

On or about July 31, 2009, at or near Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and within the Southern District of West Virginia, defendant MAURICE HOWELL knowingly and intentionally distributed a quantity of cocaine base, also known as "crack," a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

COUNT TWO

On or about August 4, 2009, at or near Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and within the Southern District of West Virginia, defendant MAURICE HOWELL knowingly and intentionally distributed 5 grams or more of cocaine base, also known as "crack," a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

COUNT THREE

On or about August 4, 2009, at or near Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and within the Southern District of West Virginia, defendant MAURICE HOWELL knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of cocaine base, also known as "crack," a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

CHARLES T. MILLER United States Attorney

Bv:

MONICA L. DILLON

Assistant United States Attorney

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